

**Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary
Sanctuary Advisory Council**

Final Meeting Notes

July 21, 2006

Robert J. Lagomarsino Visitors Auditorium,
Channel Islands National Park Headquarters
1901 Spinnaker Drive · Ventura Harbor, CA

Note: Audio tape recordings of this Sanctuary Advisory Council (SAC) meeting are available upon request; contact the SAC Coordinator at 805-884-1464.

Attending:

<u>Government Representatives:</u>	<u>Community Representatives:</u>
<u>National Park Service</u> Member Russell Galipeau	<u>Tourism</u> Alternate Andrea Moe
<u>Minerals Management Service</u> Alternate Dr. Ann Bull	<u>Business</u> Member Bill Spicer
<u>CA Department of Fish and Game</u> Alternate Kristine Barsky	<u>Conservation</u> Member Linda Krop Alternate Greg Helms
<u>CA Coastal Commission</u> Alternate Jack Ainsworth	<u>Commercial Fishing</u> Alternate Jim Marshall
<u>Santa Barbara County</u> Member Dianne Meester	<u>Recreational Fishing</u> Member David Bacon Alternate Merit McCrea
<u>Department of Defense</u> Alternate Walt Schobel Member Steven Schwartz	<u>Public-At-Large</u> Member Jim Knowlton Alternate Phyllis Grifman Member Eric Kett Member Matt Lum
<u>NOAA Fisheries</u> Alternate Lyle Enriquez	<u>Chumash Community</u> Member Paulette Cabugos
<u>Ventura County</u> Alternate Jack Peveler	

Absent:

<u>Government Representatives:</u>	<u>Community Representatives:</u>
<u>US Coast Guard</u>	<u>Tourism</u>
Member Ronald Fien	Member Lauri Baker
Alternate John Luzader	
<u>Minerals Management Service</u>	<u>Chumash Community</u>
Member Dr. Fred Piltz	Alternate Reggie Pagaling
<u>CA Department of Fish and Game</u>	<u>Business</u>
Member Marija Vojkovich	Alternate Bill Agosta
<u>CA Resources Agency</u>	<u>Commercial Fishing</u>
Member Brian Baird	Member Chris Hoeflinger
Alternate Leah Atkins	
<u>Ventura County</u>	<u>Education</u>
Member Lyn Krieger	Member Barbara LaCorte
	Alternate Dan Powell
<u>NOAA Fisheries</u>	<u>Non-Consumptive Recreation</u>
Member Mark Helvey	Member Warren Glaser
	Alternate Scott Dunn
<u>National Park Service</u>	<u>Research</u>
Alternate Gary Davis	Member Bob Warner
<u>CA Coastal Commission</u>	Alternate Dan Brumbaugh
Member Rebecca Roth	
<u>Santa Barbara County</u>	
Alternate Michelle Gibbs	

15 of the Council's 21 voting seats were present throughout the meeting. The total number of Council representatives (members and alternates) ranged from 15 at roll call, 16 at the peak, and 15 after the lunch break. Public attendance varied from 5 to 9 people.

Administrative Business and Announcements

Meeting Notes

The May 15th, 2006 draft meeting notes were unanimously adopted as final.

New Member Recruitment

Mike Murray gave an update of the recruitment for six open Advisory Council seats. The recruitment period has closed and the applications are under review by the Executive Committee.

Council Member Announcements

Captain David Bacon announced that fishing for both halibut and sea bass is doing well.

Bill Spicer announced that Santa Barbara Harbor water quality was recently inspected and received a score of 96 out of 100. Also, Bill has been contracted by the Channel Islands National

Marine Sanctuary to distribute the recently published West Coast Regional Field Guide. He is distributing the guide to over 200 facilities from Oxnard to Cambria and it has been well received, especially in San Luis Obispo County.

Jack Ainsworth announced that there was a July 14 California Coastal Commission meeting in San Diego. At this meeting the Coastal Commission conditionally concurred with the Federal Consistency Determination submitted by NOAA for the DMP. The condition attached to the Consistency Determination requests NOAA revise CINMS regulation number 3, regarding Discharge and Depositing, to prohibit vessels of 300 gross registered tons or more from discharging sewage or graywater into the waters of the Sanctuary.

Jim Knowlton announced that the Ocean Futures production "America's Underwater Treasures" will be airing on September 20th and 27th, Wednesday nights at 8pm. Cinematographers shot over 165 hours of High Definition video that was edited down into just 2 hours of air time. So, the shows are incredibly rich with beautiful images and information about each of the 13 National Marine Sanctuaries and the new Marine National Monument in the Northwest Hawaiian Islands.

Channel Islands National Park Superintendent Russell Galipeau announced that the bald eagle chick that had hatched on Santa Cruz Island recently fledged. The eagle cam was briefly discontinued, but after complaints from viewers, the Park reinstated the live video feed. Russell thanked the Sanctuary and Coast Guard for cooperation with incident response to the F/V 5 G's vessel grounding and salvage operation at Santa Cruz Island. Finally, Santa Barbara Island is now open after the brown pelican nesting season; restrictions at Santa Rosa Island for the annual hunt begin in August.

Paulette Cabugos announced that members of the Chumash Community have been holding paddles every weekend in preparation for the tomol crossing which is scheduled to take place on August 26th. The paddlers are still looking for one large vessel and two smaller vessels to ferry paddlers and accompany the tomol crossing. If interested, please contact Paulette.

Eric Kett announced that in May the San Diego Oceans Foundation held its annual White Sea Bass Tournament. All fishing permit purchasers help fund the Carlsbad white sea bass hatchery through the ocean enhancement sticker. Hundreds of thousands of fish have been released from the hatchery and only 47 legally sized hatchery-reared fish have been caught. All fish released from the hatchery are tagged so that the date and location of release can be determined. New to the tournament this year was a free diving competition. The goal of the tournament was to increase fishers' awareness of the importance of turning in the heads of fish caught to be able to identify the tagged fish. Also, on July 15, 2006 the new boat hoist was initiated for use at Gaviota Pier. Unfortunately, the hoist malfunctioned after the third boat was lowered in. There is a website with information for the park and pier and it could be a good access point for boats going to the sanctuary.

Linda Krop announced that a report was recently released on the effects of global climate change on ocean acidification. The report states that increased CO₂ emissions are effecting calcifiers in ocean which effect coral reefs as well as planktonic and pelagic communities. Linda discussed

with one of the authors the effects that acidification would have on resources in the sanctuary and the author cited a need for studies on the effects to rocky reefs, intertidal, and algal communities.

Phyllis Grifman encouraged people to attend the California and the World Ocean Conference to be held in Long Beach on September 17-20. National marine sanctuaries are well represented and it looks like it will be an interesting conference.

Matt Lum announced that there was a Mako shark tournament on July 15th. Several large fish were caught at the tournament which helps demonstrate the high productivity in CINMS.

Greg Helms announced that there is a relatively new organization called Reef Check that is training volunteer citizen divers to collect data on fish communities. This effort is aimed to help supplement professional data collection. There is some caution and controversy about the quality of the data and the possibility of coordinating this data with that of professional scientific programs. However, there is great potential for supplementing these programs, especially in times of tight budgets. Greg will be training with this group over the weekend.

Merit McCrea gave an extended announcement about progress his subcommittee has made on the subject of range markers. Merit has met with Russell Galipeau and members of the subcommittee have been exploring educational strategies to be used instead of installing range markers.

Superintendent's Report:

Chris Mobley highlighted several items contained in the printed report (distributed to SAC members in advance and now available on the CINMS web site here: <http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/super.html>). Chris Mobley acknowledged and thanked Anja Pfingston and Desaree Williams, two of the sanctuary's Ernest F. Hollings interns that were present at the meeting.

Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DMP/DEIS):

Chris Mobley provided an overview of the comment process and the broad types of comments that staff have received. Mike Murray commented on the number of documents that have been distributed, attendance at the public hearings, comments from the California Coastal Commission hearing in San Diego on July 14, 2006, and how all comments will be addressed.

Working group comments:

Chairs of working groups that convened meetings within the comment period were invited to summarize their working group comments on the DMP/DEIS. Linda Krop (Conservation Working Group Chair) and Paulette Cabugos (Chumash Community Working Group Chair) made statements. Slides summarizing Research Activities Panel comments were viewed (Bob Warner, RAP Chair, was absent). Summary comments from the Conservation Working Group and RAP were provided to Council Members in their packet and are available on request.

- *Conservation Working Group* comments were focused on each of the action plans and many of the proposed prohibitions.

- *RAP* comments focused mainly on the Conservation Action Plan, as well as Water Quality, Emerging Issues, Operations, and Performance Evaluation action plans.
- *Chumash Community Working Group* comments focused primarily on the language used in the Maritime Heritage Resources Action Plan.

Advisory Council Representative comments:

Taking one section of the documents at a time (including both DMP and DEIS), Advisory Council representatives provided comments to be recorded by staff. Comments were considered consensus comments if all voting seats present could accept them as advice of the Council, or considered non-consensus comments if not all voting seat representatives present could agree to them.

During the Advisory Council comment process, Advisory Council representatives commented on the DMP Introduction (Section I) and Action Plans (Section III), and on the DEIS Introduction (Section 1.0) and Proposed Action and alternatives (sections 2.0 and 4.0). Voting seats present voted to forward the collection of member comments, both consensus and non-consensus, to Chris Mobley as the Sanctuary Advisory Council's comments on the DMP/DEIS.

Public Comment

Roberta Cordero gave support for Paulette Cabugos' statement that the Chumash Community description in the DMP needs to be rewritten. Roberta looks forward to working with the sanctuary staff on this and suggested that deadlines for the editing process would be helpful.

Channel Islands Marine Protected Areas Process Update

Sean Hastings gave an update on the status of and next steps in the National Marine Sanctuary Program's environmental review process to consider the establishment of marine reserves and conservation areas within the sanctuary. Staff hope to release the draft Supplemental EIS on extending marine reserves into federal waters released in the next few weeks, with public hearings to be held at the end of September.

Advisory Council role regarding State Marine Protected Areas within CINMS

Kristine Barsky, California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) Alternate, presented a statement from John Ugoretz, Nearshore Ecosystem Coordinator for the CDFG, which discussed the Advisory Council's role in providing community oversight and input to the California Fish and Game Commission regarding the monitoring and management of state marine protected areas within the sanctuary. The council will be able to perform this role within the bounds of their charter and CDFG would time requests to coincide with Advisory Council meetings. The role of the RAP was discussed and it was determined that if CDFG requests technical expertise from the RAP that does not fit into the timetable of Sanctuary Advisory Council meetings, then RAP members should act as independent scientists, not as members of the RAP. The Advisory Council has essentially been performing in this role and so a motion was put forward to formally accept the role. The Advisory Council unanimously agreed.

Proposed Council Letter to NOAA regarding support for MPA monitoring

Greg Helms, Conservation alternate, presented the letter that his subcommittee had drafted asking Admiral Lautenbacher for support for reserves monitoring programs. The letter was

approved by the Advisory Council. A draft of the letter was provided to Advisory Council representatives in their meeting packet and is available on request.

Future Advisory Council meeting schedule

Friday, September 22, 2006: Advisory Council Meeting, Santa Barbara

Friday, November 17, 2006: Advisory Council Meeting, Ventura

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